

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

YOUTH SUNDAY

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

- Psalm 118:1



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. -
in the Sanctuary & Livestream
on YouTube

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

There is **NO** Sunday School
today

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal
outreach program continues.
Individually prepared meals
can be picked up between
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the
Northwest entrance of the
building. For more details,
check out [The Peoples
Church Facebook page](#).

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud
to welcome ASL interpreters
for our 10:30 a.m. worship
service and for special
events.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Kari Naghtin, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful...no matter where you are in your faith journey, **YOU** are welcome here.

For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online
livestream of the
worship service, click
[here!](#)

To join the worship
service via telephone,
please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

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Order of Service | November 21, 2021

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Albert Adcock

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Youth

One We gather together to celebrate the gifts that God has given us.

All We are people filled with love and hope.

One Give praise to the God who provides for us.

All May our hearts be truly grateful,

One That our lives serve as a reflection of our gratitude.

All Gather us in, O God as we worship together!

***Gathering Hymn**

“We Gather Together” (v. 1-3)

no. 336

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast as our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

We Gather Together
Text: Attr. Adrianus Valerius (1626)
Music: Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck (1626)
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Prayer of Confession

Youth

Gracious God, in this season of thanksgiving, remind us that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We confess that our gratitude often falls short, failing to acknowledge you as Giver. We look around at the beauty of creation but are not good stewards of the earth. We pray for unity but do not do the difficult work of building bridges and seeking reconciliation. Forgive us. Forgive us for the times we are complacent when you call us to justice, for the times our false assumptions prevent human connection. Help us to recognize your presence in our lives and lead us down new pathways for growth and service. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Youth Choir

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy,
O God, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

****Passing the Peace of Christ***

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Children's Moment

Youth

Anthem

“Ticket to the Promised Land”

John Carter

Youth Choir Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Get on board, little children! Get on board, little children! Get on board, little children, There's room for many a more. **Refrain: I've got a ticket to the Promised Land, I'll be a member of the angel band; I've got a ticket to the pearly gate, I've got to hurry, hurry, hurry, so I won't be late.** I'm gonna take a trip, and you can go along, I'm gonna take a trip, and sing a traveling song; I'm gonna take a trip, and I can't wait to see the heav'nly sights that are in store for me. **Refrain.** I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna leave today, I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna leave right away, I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna wave goodbye, I've got a wonderful feelin' that I'm goin' to fly, A wonderful feelin' that I'm goin' to fly! **Refrain.** I'm gonna take a trip, I've got my harp and wings. I'm gonna take a trip, I've got my heavenly things; I'm gonna take a trip, I'm gonna get on board; And when the whistle blows, I'm gonna see my Lord.
Refrain 2x Get on board!

Scripture

Mark 12: 38-44

Youth

Sermon

“Practicing Generosity”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

****Hymn of Response***

“Lord of All Good” (v. 1-3)

no. 711

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design; heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Lord of All Good
Text: Albert F. Bayly (1962)
Music: Genevan Psalter (1551)
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Giving

Offertory

With Thankful Hearts
Clarion Ringers

arr. Douglas Wagner

****Act of Praise***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication***

Youth

Gracious and loving God, you are the author of all that is good and true, beautiful and life-giving. We recognize the abundance in our lives and give these gifts today with joy in support of the ongoing ministry of our church. Bless this offering. We also ask Your blessing on our ministry in the year to come. The pledges that have been made Encourage us to move boldly forward in sharing your love and growing in your grace. We dedicate our lives to your service. Help us to recognize the importance of what We give: our time, talents, and treasures. Remind us that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

“Let All Things Now Living” (v. 1-2)

no. 37

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Let All Things Now Living
Text: Katherine K. Davis (1939)
Music: Welsh folk melody (20th Century)
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****Benediction***

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Eric H. Thiman

****Please stand as able***

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The passage for **November 24th** is Luke 21: 25-36.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craig-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

CAMPUS MINISTRY/PCYG: TODAY after worship we will be joining together in the youth lounge for lunch and an Epic Nerf Gun Battle. This will take the place of our normal programming. Campus Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, November 23rd, to go out to dinner before Thanksgiving. For more information, Contact Rev. Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There are only 4 speakers left in this series which will conclude on **December 14th. November 23rd**, Dr. Stan Kaplowitz, Professor Emeritus in the MSU Department of Sociology will join us in person in the Robertson Room. Dr. Kaplowitz studies social psychology, with a particular interest in attitudes and communication. You are invited to join Dr. Kaplowitz's in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED

Needed: One hour of your time **TODAY** immediately following worship. Join volunteers (all ages) to put up the Chrismon tree, garlands, and string lights on the smaller Christmas trees. It's a wonderful intergenerational tradition that gets everyone in the spirit of Advent. We are especially looking for younger people who can climb the ladder to hang Chrismons on the top branches.

PUB THEOLOGY—THANKSGIVING EDITION

Pub Theology—Thanksgiving Edition will be **TOMORROW**, November 22nd. Join us at El Azteco at 7 p.m. for great conversation and fun. *All are welcome!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Time is running out to be photographed for our new church directory! Our last openings are for **Monday, Nov. 22** and **Wednesday, Nov. 24**. We are doing things differently this year with Blue Denim Photography and you can preview and order your images online. No pressure to choose anything that day! You can sign up by visiting signupgenius.com and search for blundy@thepeopleschurch.com.

PEOPLES FORUM

Peoples Forum will be taking a Thanksgiving Recess and will not be held on **November 28th**. We will resume on **December 5th**, where we'll hear from Chris Kaminski, one of our in house Audio/Visual Engineers and musician, as he gives the presentation, "Come Celebrate With Us."

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be **NO** Sunday School on:

- **Nov. 28th**, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- **Dec. 5th**, Music Sunday

OFFICE CLOSED

The main church office will be closed on **Thursday, Nov. 25th**, and **Friday, Nov. 26th** for Thanksgiving—we'll see you on **Sunday, Nov. 28th!**



Floral Dedication

In memory of Ruth Ann FERENCE. Happy Birthday. Love, her family.

GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

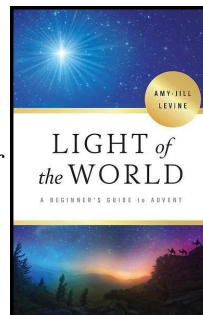
Yesterday's news was the evacuation from Afghanistan. Today's reality is that the evacuees/refugees have started to arrive here in Lansing. These Afghanis (estimated 300) are in addition to the 400 other refugees from other parts of the world arriving here in Lansing. TPC traditionally does a gift card drive for Refugee Services to purchase footwear for the arrivals and this is needed more than ever this year. A well marked box will be in the office for Meijer and Target gift cards (any amount). Gift cards will be accepted **until December 12th**. Thanks in advance for past support for underwear and gift cards. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Every holiday season, the Women of Peoples Church provide families in the Lansing area with Holiday Food Baskets. This year we look forward to serving our community like we always have—with a few small changes and some help from you! As an alternative to food baskets, we will offer a "food credit" at a small grocery store. This arrangement provides the family the ability to determine what food best fits their needs during the holidays and only restricts alcohol, tobacco and cleaning products. With your financial assistance we can adopt the same 30 families for **Thanksgiving and Christmas**, and provide them with a memorable holiday. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community, and pray we are one day able to deliver food to these families in person!

Advent Study and Reflection

Our pastors will be leading a weekly study and reflection time during Advent. The class will be offered twice a week, on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:45 a.m.; choose the class that best fits with your schedule. The classes will follow *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine.



The first Sunday class will be held **Nov. 28th**. Our Wednesday class will begin **Dec. 1st and will be held in person and over Zoom**.

Advent Celebration

Women of Peoples Church cordially invite you to our 2021 Advent Celebration on **December 5th** at **11:45 a.m.** in the Snider Social Hall.

Our program will be presented by

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell:

God is With Us: The Incarnation and Why it Matters

Tickets: \$8.00 a person

Reserved Tables of six: \$40.00

Contact Cheryl Leece to reserve your table:

leececm@gmail.com or 517-410-1313



EDGEWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Calling all Elves - Christmas is coming and you are invited to help. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community, please contact church member Emily Anderson at Anderson.2910@icloud.com or 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for returning the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too! For many of the children at Edgewood Village the gift given from Peoples Church will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.